

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 99-3-15**

Date Prepared: March 11, 1999  
For Work Week Commencing: March 15, 1999  
Business Meeting: March 15, 1999, 10:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.state.mt.us>.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. Comments on FCC Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking re: slamming – Discuss proposed comments and decide whether to send them (3/16/99)
2. D99.2.42 – Eclipse Communications – Eclipse Communications' tariff filing for intrastate telecom services (includes local, intraLATA and interLATA) – Obtain commission direction for handling intraLATA toll tariff filings (3/16/99)
3. N99.2.45 – USWC – USWC's business promotion titled "Access Your World Business Promotion" – Discuss and act on USWC's promotion (3/16/99)
4. D98.10.226 – Lincoln Telephone Company – Lincoln Telephone Company's intraLATA dialing parity plan – To act on LTC's carrier notification letter and if possible the remainder of their plan (3/16/99)

5. N99.2.47 – USWC – USWC “Restructure ISDN Single Line Service” – Discuss appropriate notice and/or procedure (3/16/99)
6. Legislative Work Session / Review list of bill draft requests, general discussion for FY 2000 and 2001 (Each day as needed) (3/16/99)

Legislative Meeting – Will be held at 9:30 am on the day of the Business Meeting.

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. US WEST COMMUNICAITONS – Docket N99.2.43 (Bonnie)

On February 22, 1999, US West filed to introduce a new package of features marketed as ValueChoice to residential customers. The package includes an individual flat rated access line and the following features: Anonymous Call Rejection, Call Forwarding - Variable, Call Waiting Continuous Redial, Last Call Return, Priority Call, and Three-Way Calling. Three new packages of features are also introduced, available to residence customers with additional lines. They are the Fax Package, Teen/Roommate Package and Home Office Package.

Additionally, the rate for CustomChoice with additional lines is being reduced from \$29.95 to \$26.95 per month.

2. US WEST COMMUNICAITONS – Docket N99.2.35 (Bonnie)

On March 3, 1999, US West filed revised replacement pages for Competitive Zone pricing. The filing removes the references to maximum rates for non-recurring rate elements, as directed by the Commission in the original flexible pricing order.

Staff recommends approval of the amended pages.

3. AT&T – Docket N99.2.48 (Tina)

On February 25, 1999, AT&T filed Advice 99-02 to make changes to its Local Service Tariff. This filing introduces AT&T Digital Link – Flat Rate Plan Promotion.

4. ONE EIGHTY COMMUNICATIONS – Docket N99.3.50 (Tina)

On March 2, 1999, One Eighty Communications filed revised tariffs to reflect a name change to Avista Communications.

**Notice Items** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

1. SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS – Docket N99.3.55 (Vicki)

On March 9, 1999, Sprint filed tariff pages to grandfather the Sprint Worldwide II service and add text to Sprint Unlimited

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 99-3-22  
N99.3.55 – Sprint Communications – (Vicki)

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

D99.3.52 – USWC – Ronan & Hot Springs Tel Co's vs USWC to prohibit withdrawal of intraLATA service from their exchange areas for limited time

D99.2.53 – Shelby Gas – Application for rate increase

N99.3.54 – Montana School Board Assn – Application for electricity license

N99.3.55 – Sprint – Tariff to grandfather Sprint WorldWide II Service and add text to Sprint Unlimited